

Message

From: Dunton, Cheryl [Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/7/2021 7:54:39 PM
To: Lara, Rhina [Lara.Rhina@epa.gov]; Ozmen, Shamus [Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov]
CC: Messina, Edward [Messina.Edward@epa.gov]; Goodis, Michael [Goodis.Michael@epa.gov]; Siedschlag, Gregory [Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: for OCSPP IO review: PFAS in mosquito insecticide, Bay Journal, DDL 5/7

Very helpful, thanks.

From: Lara, Rhina <Lara.Rhina@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Cc: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>
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Hi Cheryl,

No, we have not tested BioMist. We have not responded to PEER's inquiry because we plan to have a call with Region 3, Maryland Department of Ag and Maryland Department of the Environment before doing so.

Best,

Rhina M. Lara (*she/her/hers*)

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From: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
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So the answer is no, we haven't tested BioMist? Also, do we know anything about the claim that we never responded to PEER?

From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
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Hi Cheryl,

Please find for your review the response to the Bay Journal inquiry on PFAS in mosquito insecticides (questions in green). In addition to OPP IO, this was reviewed by Kimberly and Erin/OGC. The OPPT PFAS definition is the same one we've been using per the latest discussions (and we've used for other inquiries). None of this response is "new" information.

Incoming:

About six weeks ago, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility reported that a lab analysis had detected high levels of PFAS in Permanone 30-30, a pesticide sprayed to control mosquitoes in more than 2,000 communities across Maryland. PEER said they shared their findings with EPA and with the Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Department of Agriculture. A press release announcing that is [linked here](#).

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PEER says its staff spoke with EPA staff, but has received no reply. Has EPA tested Permanone and other pesticides, particularly BioMist, for PFAS? I'm told EPA has attributed PFAS found in pesticide in another state to contamination from being stored in a fluorinated HPDE container. Do you have details of that? But I also understand that EPA has authorized use of some PFAS as either inert or active ingredients in pesticides. Is that so, and can you please provide details on which ones and a rationale for doing so?

Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:15 PM

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Subject: FW: PFAS in mosquito insecticide

Hi All,

Please see inquiry below. Deadline COB 5/7

From: Tim Wheeler <twheeler@bayjournal.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: PFAS in mosquito insecticide

Hi, Ken -

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My deadline for this is COB 5/7.

Thanks,

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